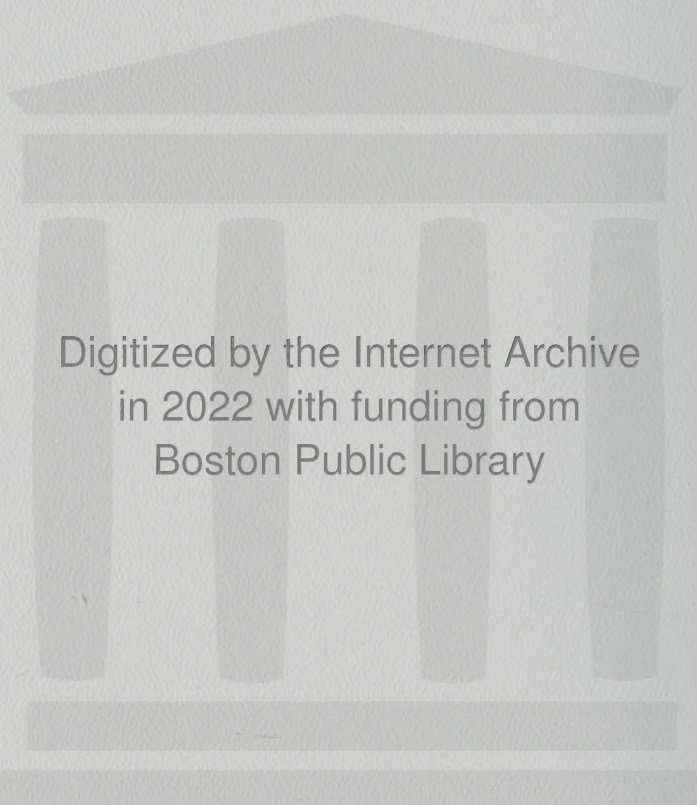

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The African Meeting House, 8 Smith Court, Beacon Hill, Boston, Massachusetts. Built in 1805, the oldest Black church building still standing in the United States.



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**Also for Young Adults*

BLACK IS... FICTION

***BELOVED**

Toni Morrison

Haunted by the horrors of slavery and the ghost of her daughter, Beloved, Sethe paid a terrible price for her freedom.

CLARISE CUMBERBATCH WANT TO GO HOME

Joan Cambridge

The lilting voice of Clarise can be heard everywhere as she pursues her philandering husband from Guyana to New York City.

LOVE STORY BLACK

William Demby

A college professor assigned to interview an aging chanteuse learns about the many faces of love.

MAMA

Terry McMillan

Mildred Peacock is one tough "mama" who fights for a better life for herself and her five children.

NO TELEPHONE TO HEAVEN

Michelle Cliff

A young woman's return to her homeland reveals the paradox of modern Jamaica.

REUBEN

John Edgar Wideman

An extraordinary lawyer for the poor helps them deal with the "system."

SEGU

Maryse Condé

This saga set in the late 18th century involves tribalism and the slave trade.

STING OF THE BEE

Seth Rolbein

Marty returns to Jamaica to see his dying father and finds himself.

SUCH WAS THE SEASON

Clarence Major

Family life and city politics in a comic novel set in Atlanta.

WHEN ROCKS DANCE

Elizabeth Nunez-Harrell

Marina, both blessed and doomed, makes good her promise to get back the land in Trinidad that the white man has stolen from her people.

BLACK IS... PERSONALITIES

ALBERTA HUNTER: A Celebration in Blues

Frank Taylor with Gerald Cook

An emotional biography of a talented jazz and blues singer.

***CHOCOLATE THUNDER**

Darryl Dawkins with George Wirt

Double D takes a look at the humorous side of the NBA.

***CHUCK BERRY: The Autobiography**

Chuck Berry

The founder of Rock 'n' Roll lays bare his life and times.

CLAUDE McKAY: Rebel Sojourner in the Harlem Renaissance: A Biography

Wayne Cooper

Father of the Harlem Renaissance and an outstanding writer.

DREAMGIRL: My Life as a Supreme

Mary Wilson

From the Primettes to Diana Ross and the Supremes, Wilson tells it all.

***EVERYBODY LOVES OPRAH!**

Norman King

Everybody knows Oprah, who went from campus queen to TV and movie screen.

INCIDENTS IN THE LIFE OF A SLAVE GIRL: Written by Herself.

Harriet A. Jacobs

A major antebellum autobiography chronicles the experiences of a Black woman.

JACKIE ROBINSON: A Life Remembered

Maury Allen

The legendary baseball hero comes alive in a compassionate, well-researched biography.

***JAMES BROWN: The Godfather of Soul**

James Brown with Bruce Tucker

Soul Brother Number One recalls his life and musical career.

***LIONEL RICHIE: An Illustrated Biography**

David Nathan

Plenty of pictures help to portray the energetic musician.

MEADOWLARK

Meadowlark Lemon with Jerry B. Jenkins

A renowned Globetrotter tells of his life in and out of basketball.

MICHAEL JORDAN: Gentleman Basketball Superstar

Gene L. Martin

A high-flying biography of a high-flying player.

***ON THE RUN**

Eric Dickerson with Steve Delsohn

An exciting account of his life from early childhood to college and on to the pros.

PEOPLE WHO LED TO MY PLAYS

Adrienne Kennedy

This unique biography is written as a play.

QUEEN OF THE BLUES: A Biography of Dinah Washington

Jim Haskins

A star of the 50's, she rose from poverty to stardom.

***REBOUND: The Autobiography of K.C. Jones and an Inside Look at the Champion Boston Celtics.**

K.C. Jones with Jack Warner

Both player and coach, K.C. looks back on his private and public lives as a winner of championships.

SONG IN A WEARY THROAT: An American Pilgrimage

Pauli Murray

Lawyer, writer, founding member of NOW and ordained priest—truly a renaissance woman.

***STEVIE WONDER**

John Swenson

His far-ranging musical abilities took him from “Little” Stevie Wonder to musical legend.

STORMY MONDAY: The T-Bone Walker Story

Helen Oakley Dance

A little-known blues musician is brought to light in this carefully researched biography.

SUGAR RAY LEONARD AND OTHER NOBLE WARRIORS

Sam Toperoff

Boxing greats are covered, but Sugar Ray is the main attraction.

W.E.B.DUBOIS: Black Radical Democrat

Manning Marable

This eminent intellectual and political leader despised oppression and injustice.

BLACK IS... BLACK EXPRESSIONS

***B FLAT, BEBOP, SCAT: Jazz Short Stories and Poems**

Chris Parker, Editor

A literary potpourri.

THE BLACK CLOTH: A Collection of African Folktales

Bernard Binlin Dadié

Retellings and original tales.

BLACK MUSIC IN AMERICA: A History Through Its People

James Haskins

Slave songs, ragtime, blues, jazz, bop, soul, disco, and the people who created them.

THE BLUESMAN: The Muscial Heritage of Black Men and Women in the Americas

Julio Finn

The roots and significance of the Blues.

DEATH AND THE KING'S HORSEMAN

Wole Soyinka

A play by the Nigerian Nobel Laureate in Literature.

***GWENDOLYN BROOKS: Poetry and the Heroic Voice**

D.H. Melhem

An analysis and appreciation of a great poet.

HARLEM RENAISSANCE: Art of Black America

Introduction by Mary Schmidt Campbell. Essays by David Driskell, David Levering Lewis, and Deborah Willis Ryan.

A LAND APART: A Contemporary South African Reader

André Brink and J.M. Coetzee, Editors

Voices in fiction, poetry, diaries, and autobiography.

THE MUSIC: Reflections on Jazz and Blues

Amiri Baraka (LeRoi Jones) and Amina Baraka

Poetry, drama, reviews, interviews, and essays.

NDEBELE: The Art of an African Tribe

Margaret Courtney-Clarke

Murals and beadwork, the arts of these women, continue to flourish.

***NOW SHEBA SINGS THE SONG**

Maya Angelou with art by Tom Feelings

A celebration of Black women in art and poetry.

OUR DEAD BEHIND US: Poems

Audre Lorde

Poems of anger, love and strength.

***9 PLAYS BY BLACK WOMEN**

Margaret B. Wilkerson, Editor

Including Lorraine Hansberry, Alice Childress, and Ntozake Shange.

***SAMBO: The Rise and Demise of an American Jester**

Joseph Boskin

From colonial times until the 1960's.

WOZA AFRIKA! An Anthology of South African Plays

Duma Ndlovu, Editor

Life under apartheid.

BLACK IS... INTERNATIONAL SCENE

AFRICA TOMORROW

Edem Kodjo

A proposed solution to Africa's problems.

AN AFRICAN VICTORIAN FEMINIST: The Life and Times of Adelaide Smith Casely Hayford, 1868-1960

Adelaide M. Cromwell

BEGGAR YOUR NEIGHBOURS: Apartheid Power in Southern Africa

Joseph Hanlon

Millions of people in eight neighboring countries have been ravaged by South Africa.

THE EUROPEAN TRIBE

Caryl Phillips

A personal exploration with powerful criticism.

LIFETIMES: UNDER APARTHEID

Nadine Gordimer and David Goldblatt

South Africa's premier novelist combines her words with compelling photographic images.

***NELSON MANDELA: The Man and the Movement**
Mary Benson

RADIANCE FROM THE WATERS: Ideals of Feminine Beauty in Mende Art
Sylvia Ardyn Boone

RUSSIA AND THE NEGRO: Blacks in Russian History and Thought
Allison Blakely

***SOUTH AFRICA: Challenge and Hope**
The American Friends Service Committee
Freedom now, by nonviolence.

***SOUTH AFRICAN DISPATCHES: Letters to My Countrymen**
Donald Woods
Newspaper articles from 1975 to 1977 when he was banned for exposing Biko's death.

***UNDER AFRICAN SUN**
Marianne Alverson
A sensitive and realistic portrayal of the Tswana people.

BLACK IS... CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

BEST INTENTIONS: The Education and Killing of Edmund Perry
Robert Sam Anson
The shocking, true story that inspired Michael Jackson's *BAD* video.

FREE AT LAST: What Really Happened When Civil Rights Came to Southern Politics
Margaret Edds

MIXED BLESSING
Doris McMillon with Michele Sherman
A newscaster's search for her natural mother.

THE NEW BLACK MIDDLE CLASS

Bart Landry

***STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART**

Jesse Jackson

"There have been other books about me and what I think, but this is my statement. It is a comprehensive, representative collection of my thoughts and ideas."

***TIME FLIES**

Bill Cosby

A humorous personal look at aging.

BLACK IS... HISTORY

BEARING THE CROSS: Martin Luther King, Jr. and The Southern Leadership Conference, 1955-1968

David J. Garrow

BLOOD JUSTICE: The Lynching of Mack Charles Parker

Howard Smead

EYES ON THE PRIZE: America's Civil Rights Years, 1954-1965

Juan Williams

The turbulent story of these years was brought to life on PBS by Boston's Henry Hampton.

FREEDOM'S SHORE: Tunis Campbell and the Georgia Freedmen

Russell Duncan

A Black carpetbagger, friend of Frederick Douglass, and political organizer.

FREEDOM'S SONG: A Personal Study of the 1960's Civil Rights Movement

Mary King

MUTINY ON THE AMISTAD: The Saga of a Slave Revolt and Its Impact on American Abolition, Law, and Diplomacy

Howard Jones

**THE NAACP'S LEGAL STRATEGY AGAINST
SEGREGATED EDUCATION, 1925-1950**

Mark V. Tushnet

O FREEDOM! Afro-American Emancipation Celebrations

William H. Wiggins, Jr.

**PLURAL BUT EQUAL: A Critical Study of Blacks and
Minorities in America's Plural Society**

Harold Cruse

Cruse challenges the effectiveness of Black leaders for not aggressively pursuing the goals of the civil rights movement.

PRINCE AMONG SLAVES

Terry Alford

Torn from his land and people, a West African prince is sold into slavery.

**TO REDEEM THE SOUL OF AMERICA: The Southern
Christian Leadership Conference and Martin Luther
King, Jr.**

Adam Fairclough

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